

## House Resolution No. 4132

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations that are dedicated to improving the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through the development of broader and deeper economic foundations and governmental services; and

**Whereas**, the Southeast Missouri Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission was founded on March 12, 1968, as the Southeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission by proclamation of then-governor Warren E. Hearnes and became an economic development district in 1974 under its current name; and

**Whereas**, headquartered in Perryville, Missouri, the Southeast Missouri Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission will celebrate its Fortieth Anniversary on September 23, 2008; and

**Whereas**, the Southeast Missouri Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission focuses on "Progress through Empowerment and Innovation" by providing services related to transportation, solid waste management, mapping and GIS, economic development, tourism, grants, the revolving loan fund program, tax increment financing, hazard mitigation, sign manufacturing, cooperative purchasing, homeland security, joint aerial photography, grant writing and administration, plans and implementation, infrastructure development, regional clearinghouse functions, the joint labor survey, census data, liaison with state and federal agencies, and the organization's website; and

**Whereas**, the Southeast Missouri Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission is guided by an executive committee comprised of Chairman H. Weldon Macke, Vice Chairman John Singleton, Secretary Larry Kennon, and Treasurer Albert Fults and a twelve-member Board comprised of representatives from Bollinger County, Iron County, Cape Girardeau, Perry County, the East Missouri Action Agency, Iron County, Saint Francois County, Marble Hill, Perryville, Fredericktown, and Sainte Genevieve:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the Southeast Missouri Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Fortieth Anniversary of the establishment of their governmental agency; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Southeast Missouri Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Scott A. Lipke  
District No. 157

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 4132, adopted September 15, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker